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SUBJECT: MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2769

1. MR. NISHIMUA OF JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHO HAS BEEN DETAILED TO SAN SALVADO PAST FEW WEEKS RETURNED THIS WEEKEND TO WASHINGTON. HE IS INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH ALL KNOWN DETAILS OF MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING. WE HAVE ALERTED HIM TO POSSIBLE INTEREST OF ELEANOR HICKS, WADE MATTHEWS, SALLY SHELTON OR AMBASSADOR ISHAM IN DISCUSSING CASE WITH HIM.

2. REPLACING NISHIMURA HERE IS YUBUN NARITA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SECOND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA DIVISION, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN TOKYO. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH HIM, HAVE ALREADY HAD ONE LONG "BRAINSTORMING" SESSION, AND HAVE ASSURED HIM OF OUR READINESS TO COOPERATE FULLY IN DAYS TO COME.

3. PAST WEEK HAS SEEN NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN MATSUMOTO CASE. LAST CONTACT CONSIDERED TO BE AN AUMLENTIC ONE WITH KIDNAPPERS WAS ON SATURDAY, MAY 27,
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AS REPORTED REFTEL. SINCE THEN, TELEPHONE CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WHICH OFFER INFO FOR MONEY OR DEMAND DOWN PAYMENTS ON RANSOM AT STIPULATED LOCATIONS BUT ALL OF WHICH IN VIEW OF JAPANESE LACT CREDIBILITY.

4. OUR JAPANESE COLLEAGUES SPECULATE THAT PROLONGED SILENCE MOH REPRESENTS "WAR OF NERVES" TO SOFTEN UP

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INTERESTED
PARTIES FOR MEANINGFUL RANSOM DEMAND. BUT
ALSO THAT THERE MAY BE INTERNAL DEBATE WITHIN
REVOLUTIONARY LEFT BETWEEN THOSE WHO STRESS POLITICAL
ADVANTAGES OF "EXECUTING" MATSUMOTO VERSUS THOSE WHO
STRESS ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES TO TRADING HIM OFF FOR MULTI-
MILLION DOLLAR RANSOM.

5. OF SOME INTEREST IS WHAT APPEARS TO BE SECOND
MANIFESTO OF "RESISTENCIA NACIONAL". ALTHOUGH DATED
MAY 27, THIS HAS JUST SURFACED. IT IS LONG ON
REVOLUTIONARY RHETORIC AND FULSOME IN ITS REFERENCES
TO THE COMING STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATIONOF JAPANESE, ON
THE ONE HAND, AND TOP-LEVEL SALVADORAN MILITARY ON THE
OTHER, HAVE TAKEN SPECIAL NOTE OF ITS FINAL PARAGRAPH.
FORMER, BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO IMPLY THAT
MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING IS AMONG ECONOMIC KIDNAPPINGS
NOW IN FINAL PHASE (THIS IS CONSIDERED ENCOURAGING
SINCE IT SEEMS TO UP PROSPECTS FOR RANSOM AS
OPPOSED TO POLITICAL EXECU-
TION). BUT FOR SALVADORAN
MILITARY LEADERS, SAME PARAGRAPH IMPLIES THAT
NEXT AND MORE VIGOROUS PHASE OF REVOLUTIONARY
STRUGGLE MAY BE ABOUT TO BEGIN.
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